

House Resolution No. 265

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, sixty years ago Bobby Lee Downey took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Ila Maxine Horton, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which was performed on January 22, 1945, in Mound City, Kansas; and

Whereas, six decades later Bobby and Maxine Downey of Hermitage observed their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends at their home on January 22, 2005; and

Whereas, the marital union of Bobby and Maxine Downey has been blessed with the love and affection of their children, Charles and Linda Downey of Everett, Washington, Linda Kerns of Wheatland, and Clifford and Renee of Watson, Minnesota; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Bobby Downey supported his growing family through his efforts as a carpenter and construction worker, while Maxine Downey ensured that her husband and children enjoyed a warm and inviting home; and

Whereas, Bobby and Maxine Downey share a love for the recreational pursuits involved in camping and fishing; and

Whereas, Bobby and Maxine Downey used the occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Bobby and Maxine Downey during momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Bobby and Maxine Downey and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Bobby and Maxine Downey of Hermitage, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry D. Wilson
District No. 119

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 265, adopted January 26, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker